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BY COURT ORDER KRIS KRINGLE IS BACK

By Court decree, children throughout the State will be returning to the Delaware Superior Court to witness the reenactment of the courtroom scene of the *Miracle on 34th Street*. The hearings will begin the week of December 10 and will continue throughout the week in all three counties. Last year Kris Kringle managed to win each of the 12 competency hearings. "If the Court orders it, I'm ready to do it again" said Kringle in a joint press conference with his attorney, Vincent J. Poppiti, Esquire of the law firm of Blank, Rome LLP. Kringle is not the only one who is ready. Former Attorney General M. Jane Brady, now a Judge in the Superior Court, intends to prosecute the case herself. "I just have to see this through myself", she said. "I want to make very sure that Kris Kringle has the same opportunity he did last year." By "opportunity", Brady means a chance to meet the children. More than 1500 public and private school children will visit one of the Delaware Courtrooms and experience a trial setting in this reenactment. Supreme Court Justice Henry duPont Ridgely will be sitting in the Superior Court by designation. According to Richard Herrmann, Esquire, of the law firm of Morris, James LLP and Chair of the Delaware State Bar Association's Art Committee, the event is a joint project of the Courts and the Delaware Bar. "This holiday favorite is a wonderfully rewarding experience" said Herrmann, who proposed the idea to use a movie scene as civics' lesson for school children, using real lawyers, a real judge and other legal officials.

Director Tom Russo, Jr., boasts of an all star cast including Madeleine Hughes and Carly Volko, who share the spotlight in portraying Attorney General Brady's daughter in the performance. "But", says Russo, "of course, the real star of the day is Kris Kringle and we all know who he is."

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